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General Services Administration
Mid-Atlantic Region
Attention Katrina Scarpato
20 N. 8th Street
Philadelphia PA 19107-3191

RE: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the site selection of the Proposed FBI Central Records Complex in Fredrick County, Virginia. CEQ # 20060440

Dear Ms. Scarpato:

In accordance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the above mentioned DEIS. The DEIS was prepared to meet the requirements of NEPA and to analyze the potential impacts associated with the lease construction of approximately 947,000 rentable square feet for a Central Records Complex for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The DEIS evaluated three build alternatives and the no build scenario in detail. Each build alternative evaluated a different site location; Alternative 1 the No build, Alternative 2 the Carabaugh Site, Alternative 3 the Carpers Valley Golf Course Site and Alternative 4 the Sempeless Site. The sites are relatively similar with the Capers Valley Golf Course alternative having the most water resources on site.

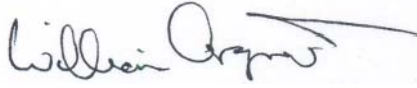
Based on our review of the DEIS, EPA is rating the Carabaugh and Sempeless sites, Alternatives 2 and 4 as Lack of Objection (LO). Alternative 3, the Carpers Valley Golf Course site is rated as Environmental Concerns (EC) because of it potential impacts to water resources. For more information on our rating guidelines please refer to:
www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/comments/ratings.html

Potentially each site is large enough to accommodate different build scenarios. Therefore, without building design plans it is difficult to assess what the actual environmental impacts may be. This does offer the opportunity for the Bureau to reduce impacts on site by incorporating good design techniques when planning the layout for the complex. EPA encourages the Bureau to incorporate Low Impact Development and Green Building designs in their plans to construct the new facility. Additional information on Low Impact Development techniques and applications can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/nps/lid/>



Should you have any question regarding this matter please feel free to contact Jamie Davis of my staff at 215-814-5569.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Arguto", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

William Arguto
NEPA Team Leader

